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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM MOHAMMED BIN NAIF TO COORDINATOR FOR  
COUNTERTERRORISM AMBASSADOR BENJAMIN

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(SBU) On September 14, Post received the following letter  
addressed to Coordinator for Counterterrorism Ambassador  
Benjamin from Saudi Assistant Interior Minister Prince  
Mohammed bin Naif.

BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER:

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
Ministry of Interior  
Assistant Minister of Interior for Security Affairs

TO: Ambassador at Large Daniel S. Benjamin  
Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State

Greetings,

It was with total gratitude that I received the words  
expressed in your letter dated September 2, 2009 in the wake  
of the failed assassination attempt. Your letter encompassed  
much appreciated sentiments of sincerity.

Despite all these attempts, we are determined to press  
forward in our war on terror and its funding. What has  
occurred will only make us more persistent in exerting  
greater efforts and will boost our incentive to strengthen  
cooperation in ways that serve the mutual interests of both  
our allied countries and peoples. I look forward to meeting  
with you to discuss security issues of common interest.

Please accept my sincerest regards.

Respectfully yours,

Mohammed bin Naif bin Abdulaziz  
Assistant Minister of Interior for Security Affairs

END TEXT OF LETTER.  
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